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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION : OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF :

GEORGE STEPHEN LAKNER License No. MA 41726

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY : IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

Administrative Action

ORDER STAYING FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE NUNC PRO TUNC TO MAY 22, 2003

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (New Jersey Board) upon the filing of a Provisional Order of Discipline (POD) on November 15, 2002 alleging a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(g)license revocation in a sister state for conduct which would give rise to discipline in New Jersey. The POD was filed based upon a December 19, 2001 Order entered by the Board of Medical Examiners for the State of Nevada (Nevada Board) which revoked respondent's license. The Nevada Board found that respondent engaged in the act of renewing a license to practice medicine by misrepresentation, or by false, misleading, or inaccurate statement, which violates Nevada statutory provisions.

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The Nevada Board's action was based in part upon the Medical Board of California's (California Board) assertion to respondent on July 19, 2000, that respondent's application for medical licensure in California was denied based upon grounds that respondent committed an act involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit with the intent to substantially benefit himself or another or substantially injure another; or committed an act which if done by a licentiate of the business or profession in question, would be grounds for disciplinary action. Respondent responded to the POD, however nothing in th respondent's submission caused the Board to modify or dismiss the POD. On May 22, 2003, the New Jersey Board entered a Final Order of Discipline (FOD) suspending respondent's license until such time that he can show that all of his sister state licenses have been reinstated without restrictions.

On June 2, 2003, the New Jersey Board received correspondence from Mark Christensen, a U.S. Army legal assistance lawyer, writing on behalf of respondent. Mr. Christensen explained that Dr. Lakner was serving with the U.S. Army in Vicenza, Italy (at the time the correspondence was written). Mr. Christensen requested that the New Jersey Board delay taking any action against Dr. Lakner until he is released From active military duty, returns to the United States and is able to address the action taken against him by the California Board. (Mr. Christensen referred to 50 U.S.C. Sec. 521, the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act).

On October 8, 2003, the New Jersey Board voted to stay the FOD filed on May 22, 2003 against respondent until respondent has an

opportunity to more fully respond to the POD filed by the New Jersey Board on November 15, 2002.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 9th day of Aug , 2005, ORDERED that:

- The Final Order of Discipline filed on May 22, 2003, is hereby stayed nunc pro tunc to May 22, 2003.
- Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey is hereby reinstated.
- 3. Respondent has thirty (30) days from the entry of this order to respond to the POD filed by the New Jersey Board on November 15, 2002. If respondent does not respond to the POD within the required amount of time the POD shall be subject to finalization by the New Jersey Board within thirty (30) days from the entry hereof.

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PROVISIONAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made;

## FINDINGS OF FACT

Respondent, George S. Lakner, M.D., License No. MA 41726
 is a physician licensed in the State of New Jersey. Respondent's license is currently active,

- On or about December 19, 2001, an Order was entered by the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Nevada revoking respondent's license to practice.
- 3. The complaint alleged that on March 28, 2001, respondent signed his application for registration renewal as a physician in the State of Nevada and answered "No" to question number 7, which inquired whether he had "ever been denied a license, permission to practice medicine or any other healing art, or permission to take an examination to practice medicine or an other healing art in any state, country or U.S. territory." It was further alleged that on July 19, 2000, the Medical Board of California informed respondent that his application for medical licensure in the State of California was denied based upon grounds that respondent committed an act involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit with the intent to substantially benefit himself or another or substantially injure another; or committed an which if done by a licentiate of the business or profession in question, would be grounds for disciplinary action.
- 4. The Nevada Board found that by answering "No" to question number 7 on his renewal application, respondent engaged in the act of renewing a license to practice medicine by misrepresentation, or by false, misleading, or inaccurate statement, which conduct violates Nevada statutory provisions.

5. It was also found that by answering "No" to question number 7 on his renewal application, respondent engaged in the act of conduct intended to deceive.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The above Nevada action provides grounds to take disciplinary action against respondent's license to practice

medicine and surgery in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(g)

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2002, ORDERED that:

- Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey is hereby suspended until such time that he can show that all of his sister state licenses have been reinstated, without restrictions.
- 2. Prior to resuming active practice in New Jersey, Respondent shall be required to appear before the Board (or a committee thereof) to demonstrate fitness to resume practice, and any practice in this State prior to said appearance shall constitute grounds for the a charge of unlicensed practice. In addition, the Board reserves the right to place restrictions on Respondent's practice should his license be reinstated.

3. The within Order shall be subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry hereof unless Respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:

- a) Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to William Roeder, Executive Director, State Board of Medical Examiners, PO Box 183, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0183.
- b) Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed.
- c) Submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor or offered in mitigation of penalty.
- 4. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Board, and the Board will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through a supplemental submission during the thirty-day period, or if the Board is not persuaded that submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order of Discipline will be entered.
- 5. In the event that Respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to, an evidentiary hearing, Respondent shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law contained

herein shall serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations in such proceeding.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Bv:

William V. Harrer, M.D., B.L.D.

Board President